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"The Blooming Chatter"

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The Rose is the birthday flower for June, symbolizing love, passion and devoted affection

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Some Key Dates

June 6	Ikebana Day
June 7-12	SGC Rummage Giveaway and Sale Extravaganza
June 9	Hospitality Event: “Music in the Gardens”
June 9	Next Education Committee Meeting
July 1	Complete moving everything from cupboards in preparation for SGC Construction Project – Club House closing to all
July 7 – September 6	SGC Construction Project
August 6	“Lunch & Learn” at District VIII
September 18	Next SGC Monthly General Meeting
October 16	FFGC District VIII Fall Meeting
October TBD	2 nd “Make & Take” floral arrangement session
EVERY FRIDAY	Volunteer at the Botanical Gardens



President's Message

Greetings SGC Members!

Wow, our September through May season seems to have flown by this year. We have had such a wonderful season with so many members in attendance at meetings, programs and events! Now it is June!



During this season we have welcomed many new members to Sarasota Garden Club.

Thank you to everyone for making our September 2023 – May 2024 season a great one!

- This summer we have off-site tours planned for our members continued learning.
- Music in the Gardens is Sunday, June 9, 2024, 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

Your Board of Directors, and many others during this summer, will be working on plans, schedules, events, communications, and the yearbook, to name a few activities.

The significant activity at Sarasota Garden Club will be the Building Upgrade Construction Project. This project will enhance and beautify the building in the Great Room and associated areas. During this construction, the building will be closed to all, including our Garden Club Members. As the project progresses, we will keep everyone updated on the status and progress of this very large project.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Fondly - Kelly L Goodwin, President

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THEME: TEAMWORK

As my theme for the Sarasota Garden Club is “Teamwork”, you will continue to hear me recognize teamwork and share the importance of teamwork throughout the year.

Teamwork to me is working collaboratively together to achieve our Sarasota Garden Club Mission and also make friendships along the way.



SGC Construction Project

The SGC Construction Project, organized by The Bay, will begin on July 7, 2024 and complete on or around September 6, 2024.



The scope of this project will beautify our wonderful Garden Club building with the upgrade and replacement of the following items within the building:

- Great Room Sliding Glass Doors
- Library Windows
- Remaining Jalousie Windows
- Flooring in the Great Room, Hallway, Closets and Kitchen
- East Door
- Paint Great Room, Hallway, Closets and Kitchen

This project is a significant amount of work to complete within two months.

Our Sarasota Garden Club members are working diligently to clear out the closets in support of this overall construction project. We plan to pack and move the items the week of June 17, 2024. If you would like to help contact Kelly!

We will keep everyone updated on progress over the summer!

RUMMAGE GIVE-AWAY & SALE EXTRAVAGANZA

COME ONE, COME ALL!!!

FRIDAY JUNE 7, 9am to 3pm

WEDNESDAY JUNE 12, 10am to 4pm

SGC Member Volunteers have been clearing out the Great Room and Hallway supply closets, storage closets, storage cabinets and utility closets at the Clubhouse in anticipation of the Summer July 1 through September 30 construction project that is being undertaken by our Partner, The Bay Park Conservancy to enhance, update and beautify our building.

We will need to remove/store/donate all Great Room items and Hallway items. The Bay will be replacing all of the Great Room, Hallway and Kitchen flooring, all sliding glass doors, all windows in the entire building and replacing access doors as needed beginning July 1.

All items not gone after our 2-day giveaway will be going to local charitable not-for-profit organizations or removed and sent to our storage unit.

We will have tables full of all sorts of items, hospitality supplies, gardening books, holidays items and décor, florals and much, much, more. All for the taking over two days—some items for sale by our Green Room Team and the rest are for your generous donation to support our Club. We thank you for helping us **CLEAR THE CLUB! WHAT FUN!!** All questions and comments, please direct either to Kelly or Carol programs@sarasotagardenclub.org or 215-518-8479

Invitees: Sarasota Garden Club Members and Affiliates (Sarasota Butterfly Club, Founders Garden Club of Sarasota, Sarasota Orchid Society, Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers)

News from the Programs Committee

The mission of Mindful Blooms Farm is to bring mindfulness and joy to peoples lives through nature and flowers.



Wednesday 1st May, was the last general meeting until the beginning of our next Garden Club Year in September.

“Make & Take” Floral Arranging, with Sophie of Mindful Blooms Farm – members were provided instruction and floral materials with design guidance by Sophie, and was free to all Members.

<https://www.mindfulbloomsfarm.com/>



As you can see from the photo above, the “Make & Take Design” with Sophie of Mindful Blooms Farm, was a popular event. So popular, a 2nd date was arranged but, due to hot and dry weather frizzling and frying Sophie’s fields of beautiful flowers, it had to be rescheduled – and will now be in October so that all who were not able to participate in May, and all new members, can join in this.

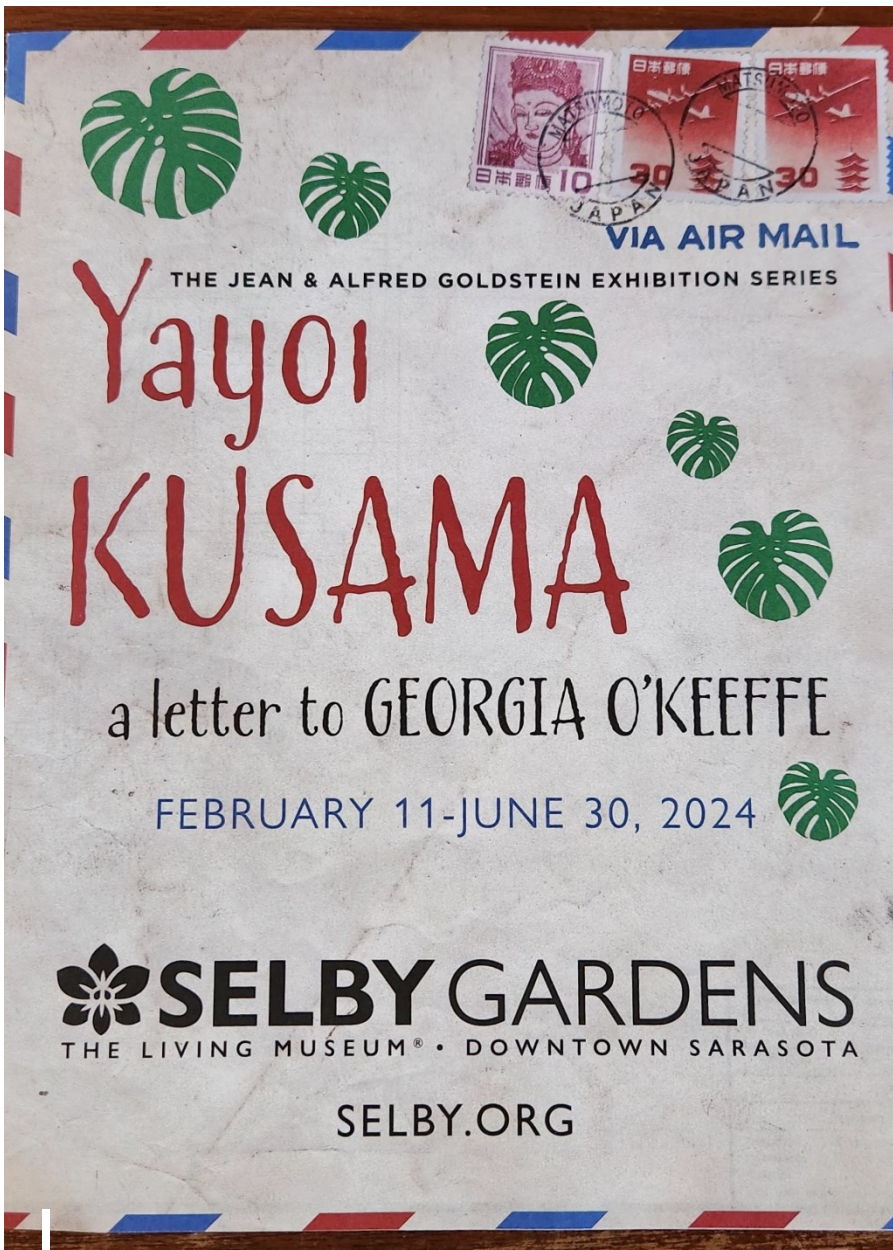
Carol Lackey – Chair - M: 215-518-8479 - programs@sarasotagardenclub.org

THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO HELP ORGANIZE THE CLUB’S PROGRAM – it’s fun and very rewarding. Please apply by contacting Carol.

Private tour at Selby: June

We will be having a private tour conducted by one of the Selby Gardens Horticulturists in June. The date will be determined shortly.

If you have interest in attending the tour, please email Carol at programs@sarasotagardenclub.org



We will be touring the Conservatory and Pergola with a Selby Hort Staff member and then tour the gardens at our leisure.

If you wish to stay for lunch on your own, The Green Orchid is a great on-site restaurant where you can make a reservation when we know our date.

This exhibit ends June 30th so I am happy we can tour before it closes.

Thanks, Carol

<https://selby.org/dsc/dsc-exhibitions/yayoi-kusama-a-letter-to-georgia-okeeffe/>

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News from FFGC District VIII



Sarasota Garden Club members at the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) District VIII SPRING Meeting, May 9

On May 9, Sue Angle, Dianne Beaver, Emily Yaffe and Raji Patel drove to the Heron Creek Golf and Country Club in North Port, to attend the District Meeting hosted by Lemon Bay Garden Club of Englewood. Barbara Rao attended as well. There were seventy-nine members in attendance from all around District VIII – members from Tarpon Springs Garden Club even came the night before, had dinner and stayed overnight to enjoy the comradery.

Phyllis Weber, District VIII Director, reported on **news from the district** and, with help from Christy Linke - FFGC 1st Vice President from Plant City Garden Club, presented awards that had been announced at the FFGC Convention. Sue Angle, former FFGC President, announced the Flower Show Awards.

We were informed that the District added 200 **new members** of which we, Sarasota Garden Club, contributed 20 new members last year. Given that there are 22 Clubs in the district, it appears that we are doing well with our membership (*the district added an average of ~ 10 members per Club*).

Following lunch, a **wonderful presentation** was given by Jason Robertshaw, Program Manager of Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium. He discussed issues that dolphins, whales, and manatees face in Florida, many caused by humans. He also presented an overview of Mote Marine's new Science Education Aquarium near UTC upon completion in late fall 2024. He has offered to lead us on a field trip which would be fantastic:

<https://mote.org/news/article/mote-science-education-aquariums-largest-exhibit-comes-to-life>

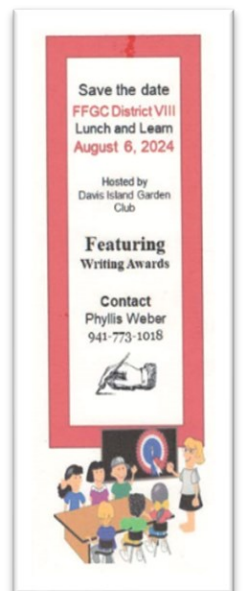
Attendees had **22 beautiful raffle baskets** to choose from, including one donated by Sarasota Garden Club. The baskets earned over \$1,000!

AUGUST 6 - "**Lunch & Learn**", that will focus on applying for and winning awards will be held at the Davis Islands Garden Club in August.

The meeting was extremely informative and is always a great opportunity to meet garden enthusiasts and leaders from other garden clubs in the District.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE NEXT MEETING, please contact Sue Angle.

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE FFGC DISTRICT VIII WEBSITE](#)



**The (next) FFGC District VIII Fall Meeting will be on
October 16, 2024 in Tampa**

WANT TO GO? Let Sue Angle know 'the more the merrier'

District VIII Fall Meeting, Wednesday, October 16, 2024

**DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF
FLORIDA'S NATURAL SPRINGS...**

District VIII Fall Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
The Tampa Garden Club
2629 Bayshore Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33629

*Guest Speaker Tom Ries from Ecosphere Restoration
Institute*

Registration and Coffee 9:30 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Cost \$40.00

Hosted by the Tampa Garden Club

Sue Angle - Sueangle000@gmail.com, 941-350-9784

News from the Membership Committee



Our Sarasota Garden Club continues to grow while new members as well as long-time members are encouraged to get involved in activities, learn from interesting programs, experience working together, and enjoy the friendly atmosphere with like-minded gardeners.

New members Jo Franz, Ann McGough, Raji Patel, and Neille Wilson joined our garden club in April and at our Annual Meeting, recent new members Toby Plessner, Raji Patel, and Greg Wright were introduced and welcomed. In May five more new members joined our club and we welcome Carolyn Jacob, Stacey Maloney, Rob Reisinger & Jann Richardson, and Dana Scher. Some have already found Kay and her fellow gardeners on Friday mornings and we look forward to meeting them all in person through summer events like "Music in The Gardens" on June 9, or when our fall garden club year begins on the third Wednesday, September 18.

- **[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF MEMBERS \(via our website\)](#) – new members, contact Sue for Password to Members Area**

Even though there are no General Meetings in June, July or August, watch your emails or the SGC website <https://SarasotaGardenClub.org> for special events throughout the summer.

Our **Membership Committee** welcomes Jennifer Walker as she joins other Committee Members Becci Bond, Stephanie Cotton, Suzanne Dudley, Dale Horwitz, Barbara Rao as we meet on the Thursday prior to our General Meetings. We are always open to members who would like to be a part of our group as we meet and greet new members while we encourage the retaining of our current members. If you would like to join us, please contact this Chairman or any committee member – you would be a welcome member of our committee and we would love to hear from you.

Enjoy a Happy, Healthy and Safe Summer!!

Sue Angle, Membership Committee Chairman, Sueangle000@gmail.com, 941-350-9784



Hospitality Event

**BE SURE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW –
come along, have fun, invite your friends.**

BOOK TICKETS ON THE WEBSITE OR CALL KELLY



Elijah Luzginov started playing violin at the age of four and specializes in a broad range of musical genres. His young, vibrant performances are sure to enchant you.

ON-LINE RESERVATIONS

www.SarasotaGardenClub.org
(or click on Music in the Gardens banner below)

Members - \$30

Non-members - \$35

Call **Kelly** on 941-718-3359
if you need help

Each summer, Sarasota Garden Club opens its historic building and botanical gardens to members and guests for a delightful afternoon of



"Music in the Gardens"

A great opportunity to enjoy the surroundings, inside and out, with refreshments provided by the Club, accompanied by this amazing violinist.

Sunday June 9, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
join us for:

- **"Music" by Elijah The Violinist**
- **"Gardens"** maintained by Sarasota Garden Club
- **Hors d'oeuvres, champagne and wine** by the Hospitality Committee

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION](#)

MUSIC in the GARDENS

Review of Scholarships Award

The Sarasota Garden Club Community Projects / Scholarship Committee awarded twelve deserving high school and college students at its Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony at our historic clubhouse on May 6.

We are happy to announce that our Club and its Members were able to grant over \$50,000 in scholarship funds!

Several recipients were able to take time from their studies to join us along with several of their family members. SGC was also able to award three past recipients an additional year of scholarship funds.

Students awarded this year are pursuing careers in ocean conservation, implementing renewable energy legislation, marine science education, climate change and its effect on marine ecosystems, landscape architecture, chemical engineering focused on environmental solutions, zoology and the environment, and environmental engineering.

Club members, the committee, scholarship recipients and their families enjoyed refreshments after the ceremony in the beautiful patio garden at Sarasota Garden Club. We thank all who attended and thank the committee for all of their hard work in reviewing the application submissions.



Pictured L to R: Board Member Tess Hershmann, Parent Laura Norwine, Nicole Norwine, Scholarship Committee and Past President Nancy Lewis, Tori Guarino, Carter Oleckna, Scholarship Committee Chair Lynn Biega, Abigail Staas and Parent Amy Staas, and Chair Botanical Gardens Kay Weber

Not Pictured, Michael Mizanin III, Florentina Klingenberg, Savannah Darby, Collin Gira, Noelle Prouty, May Lander, Sophia Pearce

Message from Nancy Lewis, Chair, Community Projects Committee:

Each and every one of our winners of scholarships has made 'phone contact to verify receipt of the checks we hand-delivered during our May 6 program at the garden club, and receipt via U.S. mail of the checks mailed to winners who had not yet returned to the Sarasota area due to final exam schedules or summer internships in various fields of study.

Every individual recipient attended our meeting at the club and/or called or took time to write notes of THANKS.



The class of 2024 is one of the finest groups of scholars we have had the pleasure of meeting.

Applicants came from: University of Maine, University of Florida, State College of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, Appalachian State, F.S.U., N.Y.U., U.S.F.

One young scholar, who is a first-generation in his family to go forward and enter any advanced study post high school, asked me to describe the members of our garden group and their interests in plants/design/saving our planet/water projects, and then also asked advice for college success in general. He was very sincere, and we continued an interesting conversation for more than half an hour (on the various topics above). A few tips for success about college life in general were covered when he also questioned what were important life skills necessary to succeed in group life at the college level. He set the tone and carefully led our discussion. My smile was growing minute by minute.

- One recipient is volunteering at the Portugal Zoo along with her mother for the summer to study Captive Animals as part of a seminar to help preserve and save breeds of various animals living in zoos.
- Two of our recipients are working with Professors on projects to enhance native Florida plants while researching best practices in our state. Results are to be shared at conferences through the academic year 2024-25.

Thank you to Sharon Davisson for leading this SGC Committee in recent years with other thoughtful members of our club.

Thank you also to President Kelly and Dianne Beaver and Sue Angle and all additional members of the Board of Directors for voting to provide the funds which we have earmarked from the Judith Schneider Scholarship Fund.

It requires time and attention to detail to make decisions which impact our club and Sarasota families. The entire community of Sarasota benefits in ways we cannot fully measure.

Hats off to our Sarasota Garden Club members and this wonderful City of Sarasota which supports us

- Nancy Lewis, Community Projects Committee Chair – nancy-lewis@comcast.net
- Sharon Davisson, Community Projects Committee – SRDSTL41@gmail.com / 941-270-3418
- Online on our website: [Sarasota Garden Club Scholarships](#)

Botanical Garden Report



Kay Weber is the Chair of the Botanical Gardens Committee and Carol Fugate is the new Co-Chair. Between them they manage the FRIDAY MORNING WORKERS who maintain the garden every week!

Email: kayw33@comcast.net



“Friday Morning Workers”

is a dedicated crew with a shared interest in gardening, that work hard each and every Friday to maintain the nine botanical gardens at Sarasota Garden Club.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Come along any time between 8am – 11am on a Friday – whenever and however long you can.

No experience needed, there’s always a list of things to do for everyone. Refreshments provided.

Carol and I both appreciate when you Friday Morning Workers show up to volunteer each and every Friday.

Kay says: “Volunteers continue to come each and every Friday, although in the hot weather, and with the snowbirds gone, we have fewer Friday Morning Workers, but somehow, we always get everything done. PLEASE COME ALONG IF YOU CAN, for as long or short as you can!”

Here’s Emily:



Karen in the Butterfly Garden:



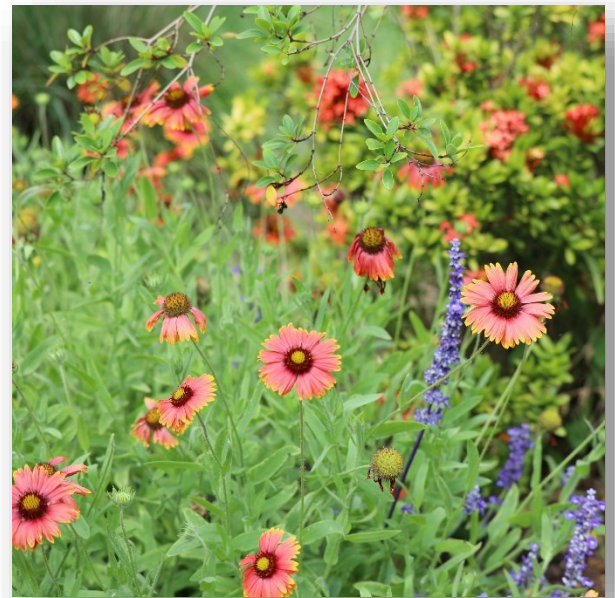
Andrea and Toby messing around:



I think that's the African Tulip Tree:



The Butterfly Club's Fairy Garden:



Education Committee Report



Members of the recently re-formed Education Committee (Dianne Beaver, Pat Belote, Ros Stafford, Ann Dunlop and Angela Bennink) **met on 28th May - a summary of which is below.**

- **The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th, in the SGC Library at 2pm.**
Everyone welcome!

A Preview from the Education Committee:

The Committee has been hard at work to propose some wonderful events for the fall and spring of next year, including:

- **Container Gardening** – October 29
- **Cornucopia Flower Arrangement** – November 12
- **Creating a Holiday Centerpiece** – December 4
- In preparation for the Flower Show (end February) it is planned to demonstrate (January 28)
 - **How to show a HORT exhibit**
 - and **FLORAL designs** in our Flower Show Schedule
- **Tour of the Selby Gardens at Spanish Point** – February
- **Orchid Talk and Workshop** – March
- **Fascinating Lives of Honey Bees and Honey Tasting** - April

So, stay tuned

Thanks to the Education committee we can look forward to a season of learning and enjoyment!

For more information contact:

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&/or Pat Belote pbelote11@gmail.com

Memorial Day – May 27

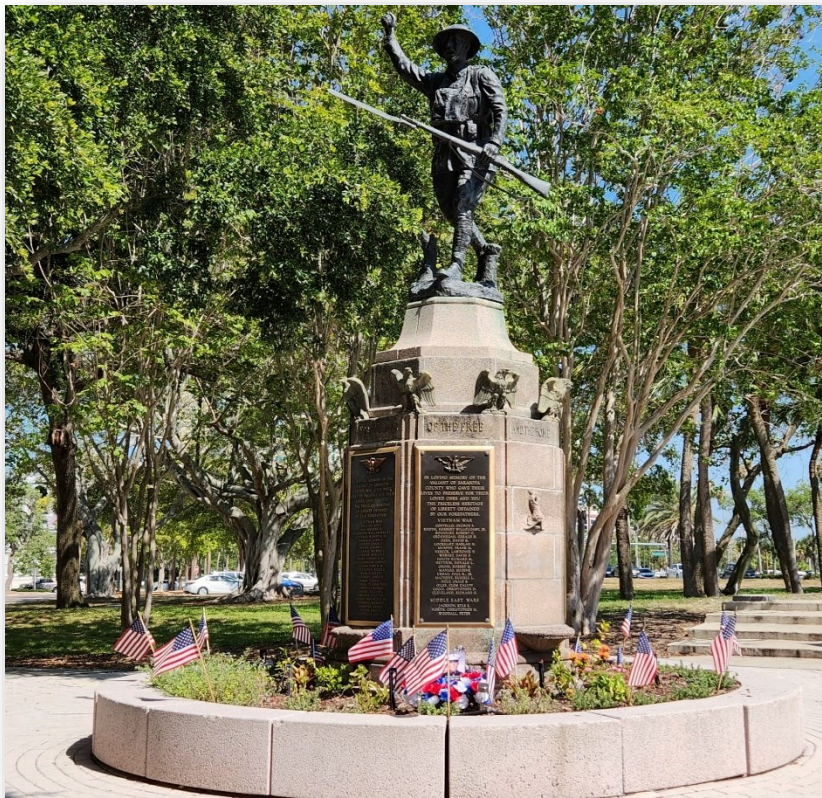


Sarasota Garden Club maintains both The Doughboy sculpture plantings and the maintenance of The Blue Star Marker in the City of Sarasota, Government at 41 and Main Street and were seen at the terminus of Monday's parade at J.D. Hamel Park.

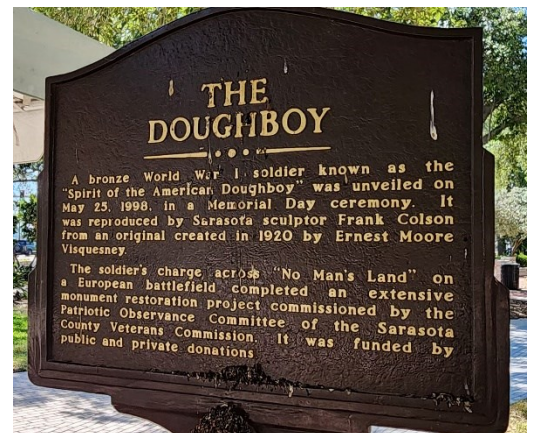
Club Members Adrienne and John Wagner volunteer to keep this area looking as it should in honor of our veterans by contributing plantings and flags.

Local artist Frank Colson designed and cast The Doughboy. His son Sean Colson's, Cast Stone, Weather-Proof, Murals helped SGC restore our pagoda sculpture that rests on the banks of the Tuttle Pond on our grounds. What

a wonderful community connection.



Many thanks to all who serve and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



THE FLOWER GAME

Just for fun name the Flowers Using the Hints below:

1. Part of an eye _____
2. Footwear _____
3. One way to get rich quick _____
4. A vegetable that does NOT need sugar _____
5. A dressed-up ferocious animal _____
6. A flower between hills _____
7. A pretty girl who has been jilted _____
8. A man's name and what he writes with _____
9. What shepherds watch _____
10. What Billy did when he sat on a tack _____
11. Results from Cupid's arrow _____
12. A bird and a riding accessory _____
13. A sweetheart's farewell _____
14. The rising sun _____
15. A country with a lot of motor transport _____
16. A dairy product and a dish _____
17. What unmarried men often lose _____
18. What he did when he proposed _____
19. An amiable man _____
20. Neat ranks _____

Answers NEXT MONTH

(no, not really, they're at the end of the newsletter)

News from Ikebana

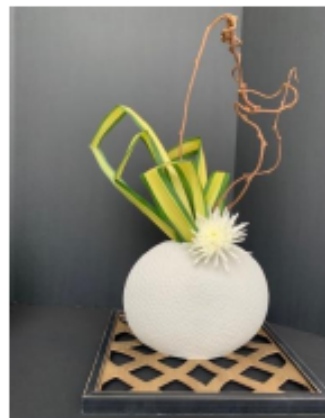


JUNE 6 IKEBANA DAY

The day dedicated to the ancient Japanese art of flower arrangement. The day was established in 2021 by the Japan Ikebana Arts Association and Ikebana International, a non-profit organization that promotes the day. Ikebana Day is based on the ancient Japanese belief that June 6 is an ideal day to begin learning any traditional art, including Ikebana.

The first step to understanding Ikebana is knowing its various principles, after which you can move on to learning about the major styles. These principles can be perceived as rules that govern the art of Japanese flower arranging, and they guide all Ikebana artists, irrespective of the schools they attend or the styles they showcase.

Ikebana offers therapeutic benefits for both practitioners and observers. It promotes mindfulness by encouraging you to focus on the task while unlocking the creativity within you. It's a unique form of active meditation, and many people say that they become so engrossed in the flower arrangement that they don't realize they're meditating until the end of the session.



Comment from The SGC Blooming Chatter Editor: Becci Bond (the Brit)

FIRST AND FOREMOST – A HUGE Thank you
to everyone that contributes to the Blooming Chatter with content,
photographs, insight and information (historical and current),
comments etc.

The more the merrier – send your comments, input, announcement,
'whatever', to: BecciBond@hotmail.com

It is my personal goal to inform the Club Members of the activities of the Sarasota Garden Club so
that they may join in, get the most out of the club's activities, enjoy themselves, meet like-minded folk
and make friends, make suggestions on how to improve the club, entice you to get more involved,

introduce new members **Becci Bond**

Cell: 941-284-6770 (between October and May)

ALWAYS CHECK FOR INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE

WWW.SARASOTAGARDENCLUB.ORG

THE FLOWER GAME – ANSWERS

1. Iris,
2. Lady slipper,
3. Marigold,
4. Sweet pea,
5. Dandy lion,
6. Lily of the valley,
7. Blue bell
8. Jonquil,
9. Phlox,
10. Jump up Rose,
11. Bleeding heart,
12. Larkspur,
13. Forget me not,
14. Morning glory,
15. Carnation,
16. Buttercup,
17. Bachler button,
18. Astor,
19. Sweet William
20. Primrose